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Wearing Masks and Face Coverings

The Board of Education is mindful of the evolving need for emergency measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In consideration of the recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Sauk County Health Department, the Board is adopting this emergency policy for all students, employees, volunteers, and visitors of River Valley School District.

DEFINITIONS

- a. “Enclosed Space” means a confined space open to the public where individuals congregate including, but not limited to, outdoor restaurants, outdoor park structures, taxis, public transit, and ride-share vehicles.
- b. “Face Covering” means a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. This includes, but is not limited to, a bandana, a cloth face mask, a disposable or paper mask, a neck gaiter, a religious face covering, or a “Badger Shield” (see illustration at <https://making.engr.wisc.edu/badger-shield-plus/>). (A “Badger Shield” IS considered a face covering, not a face shield, since it covers the nose and mouth completely.)

A mask or face covering DOES NOT include face shields, mesh masks, masks with holes or openings, or masks with vents.

- c. “Physical distancing” means maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from other individuals who are not members of your household or living unit.

Masks are ~~recommended~~ **optional** everywhere (both indoor and outdoor) on the River Valley School District campus.

~~Masking is required on all school transportation due to a federal mandate.~~

CROSS REFERENCE: 443.1 Student Dress Code
 443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses
 536 Professional Staff Evaluation
 High School Mask Guideline
 Middle School Mask Guideline
 Elementary School and Early Learning Center Mask Guideline

<https://making.engr.wisc.edu/badger-shield-plus/>

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